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C.A.S.T. Paragraph Writing

**C (Claim) =** Topic Sentence

* Clear/Focused
* Addresses prompt
* Roadmap for the paragraph
* 1 Sentence in length

**A (Add to Claim) =** Provides additional information about the claim

* Used to further elaborate the claim
* Range is 1-2 sentences in length

**S (Support and Elaboration)** = Have 2-3 pieces of strong support with sources

* Each piece of support must prove the claim
* Use 1-2 sentences to elaborate on each piece of support

**T (Tie Back AND Transition)** = Closing Sentence

* Sum up the claim and transition to the next paragraph

Example:

Because of the mandatory bicycle helmet law, the number of bicycle riders in Austin has greatly decreased. According to the League of Bicycling Voters, similar bike helmet law situations in Australia and Oregon have shown a 30% to 50% decrease in the number of cyclists after the law passed. Many people do not want to put up with the law as well as the possibility of getting harassed and/or ticketed by the police. This decrease in bicycling has a negative effect upon the well-being of Austin’s citizens. The bicycle helmet law decreases the number of people who ride bicycles, and does not truly protect riders as much as people think.